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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ANDRE V. JACKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

G. D. LEWIS, et al.,

Defendants.

No. C 10-5488 RS (PR)

ORDER REOPENING ACTION;

**DISMISSING COMPLAINT WITH
LEAVE TO AMEND**

This is a federal civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a *pro se* state prisoner. The complaint was dismissed owing to plaintiff's failure to file a timely application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff having filed an complete application, the action is hereby REOPENED. The Court now reviews the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a).

DISCUSSION

A. Standard of Review

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and

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1 dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may
2 be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. *See id.*
3 § 1915A(b)(1),(2). *Pro se* pleadings must be liberally construed. *See Balistreri v. Pacifica*
4 *Police Dep't*, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1988).

5 A “complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to ‘state a claim
6 to relief that is plausible on its face.’” *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009)
7 (quoting *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). “A claim has facial
8 plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the
9 reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” *Id.* (quoting
10 *Twombly*, 550 U.S. at 556). Furthermore, a court “is not required to accept legal
11 conclusions cast in the form of factual allegations if those conclusions cannot reasonably be
12 drawn from the facts alleged.” *Clegg v. Cult Awareness Network*, 18 F.3d 752, 754–55 (9th
13 Cir. 1994). To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential
14 elements: (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was
15 violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the color
16 of state law. *See West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

17 **B. Legal Claims**

18 Plaintiff asks the Court to investigate claims against defendants, employees of Pelican
19 Bay State Prison. The Court does not conduct investigations. In order to seek judicial relief
20 for his grievances, plaintiff must file a complaint that provides specific detailed factual
21 matter describing his allegations against defendants for their alleged violation of his federal
22 constitutional rights. As plaintiff has failed to do so, but rather asks the Court to investigate
23 charges, the complaint is DISMISSED with leave to amend. Plaintiff shall file an amended
24 complaint within 30 days from the date this order is filed. The first amended complaint must
25 include the caption and civil case number used in this order (10-5488 RS (PR)) and the
26 words FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT on the first page. Because an amended complaint
27 completely replaces the previous complaints, plaintiff must include in his first amended
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1 complaint all the claims he wishes to present and all of the defendants he wishes to sue. *See*
2 *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992). Plaintiff may not incorporate
3 material from the prior complaint by reference. Failure to file an amended complaint in
4 accordance with this order will result in dismissal of this action without further notice to
5 plaintiff.

6 It is plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the Court
7 informed of any change of address by filing a separate paper with the clerk headed "Notice
8 of Change of Address." He must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion or ask
9 for an extension of time to do so. Failure to comply may result in the dismissal of this action
10 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

11 Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED. The Clerk is directed
12 to reopen the action.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

14 DATED: January 7, 2011


15 RICHARD SEEBORG
16 United States District Judge
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